Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 18 Aug 2020 until 23:59 on Wednesday 19 Aug 2020

Forecast Issued on Monday 17 Aug 2020 at 16:54 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for overall developments out to Thursday, but moderate for thunderstorm risk Tuesday. Several hours uncertainty in timing of rain moving north Wednesday night/early Thursday. Low from Friday with the potential for much lighter winds for a time.

Headline for Tuesday 18 Aug 2020: Sunny spells, best in the west, but heavy perhaps thundery afternoon showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 18 Aug 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms High Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Light rain showers	Thundery showers	Thundery showers	Light rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	10%	10%	<05%	30%	60%	60%	30%

Forecast for Tuesday 18 Aug 2020

Weather: Low cloud and some patchy light drizzle across Caithness hills through the early hours, but clear spells towards the west coast. Then a dry morning, low cloud in the east gradually lifting and breaking, sunny spells in the west. Heavy showers break out by early afternoon, with a risk of thunder, these continue into the evening before easing. A little patchy light rain or showers overnight.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%, cloud bases around 500m across the Caithness hills at first, lifting slowly through the morning. Otherwise, clouds mainly above the summits in the afternoon.

Visibility: Very good outside any low cloud in the morning. Temporarily falling to the few km in heavy showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	18/22 SE	14/18 SE	10/13 SE	8/11 SE	6/9 SE	5/8 N	5/7 NW	4/5 SW	5/7 SW
900	18/22 SE	14/18 SE	10/13 SE	8/11 SE	6/9 SE	5/8 N	5/7 NW	4/5 SW	5/7 SW
600	15/19 SE	10/15 SE	8/11 SE	6/9 SE	5/8 S	4/8 NE	3/5 NW	2/4 SW	3/5 SW
300	5/15 E	6/13 E	4/8 E	4/7 SE	3/7 SE	5/9 NW	4/6 NW	2/4 NW	3/5 W
Glen	12/16 E	9/12 E	6/8 E	3/6 SE	3/6 SW	3/6 NW	4/6 N	2/3 W	2/3 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	9/6	10/7	10/7	10/9	12/11	12/11	11/10	11/10	10/10
900	10/7	10/8	10/8	11/10	13/12	12/12	12/11	12/11	11/10
600	13/10	13/11	13/11	14/13	15/15	14/14	14/14	13/14	13/13
300	12/12	13/12	13/12	16/16	18/19	17/17	16/16	15/15	14/14
Glen	16/14	15/14	16/15	18/19	20/21	19/20	18/18	16/17	16/16
Freezing Level*	2800m	2800m	2700m	2700m	2700m	2800m	2800m	2800m	2800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Afternoon showers will be slow moving, with the possibility of some torrential downpours. Localised gusts of 15-20 mph near heavy showers.

Forecast for Wednesday 19 Aug 2020

Weather: Cloudy with some patchy light rain near the west coast through the early hours. Then a mostly dry day with sunny spells. A few well scattered showers are likely, mainly around early afternoon. A dry evening but freshening winds and rain spread north overnight.

Maximum wind: Light and variable becoming East 10-15 mph in the afternoon. Increasing to 20 gusting 30 mph across the summits by the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90%, cloud bases likely to be above the summits.

Visibility: Very good.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 14 Celsius rising to 19 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 12 Celsius rising to 15 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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